

**Statement of the Sudanese Delegation
To the 92nd Session of IOM Council
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Madam Chair Person,

Allow me first, to congratulate you on your election as the President of the 92nd Session of the IOM Council. I seize this opportunity to extend my congratulations to the members of the bureau, and to deeply appreciate the great efforts exerted by the IOM leadership and administration to convene these fruitful meetings. Let me also welcome the Republic of Montenegro and Nepal as new members of the IOM and Qatar Charity as an Observer. We align ourselves with the statement presented by Morocco in the name of African Group.

Madam Chair Person,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Since its independence, the Sudan had witnessed and experienced different events, and suffered from thorny issues regarding migration. It hosted, and still hosting millions of refugees and immigrants, from neighboring countries, especially those who seek refuge due to civil wars or natural and environmental disasters, on the same line the neighboring countries are hosting thousands of Sudanese refugees and immigrants.

After the signing of the (CPA) Comprehensive Peace Agreement in Nifasha in January 2005, the (DPA) Darfur Peace Agreement in Abuja in June 2006, and Asmera Agreement in October 2006, the Sudan is now traversing a historical phase, which implies the alert of all its efforts to establish a comprehensive and durable peace.

While the Government of the Republic of the Sudan is committed to spare no efforts in facing the problem in Darfur, it acknowledges the cooperation of the International Community in response to the urgent humanitarian needs of the affected population in the region. In this regard, migration is steadily making its way to the top of our priorities in the internal and international agenda

Madame Chair Person,

The Sudan congratulates the IOM for addressing vital immigration challenges in a global context. It encourages the strong partnership between IOM and Global Migration Group in favor of immigration cause. The Sudan also values the key role of the Organization in helping immigrants all over the world. Never the less my country is watching with great concern the expanded phenomenon of displaced persons, and is looking forward to a more ambitious role of IOM in this area.

Madam Chair Person,

This forum offers us a good opportunity to express our gratitude to the Organization for its fruitful cooperation with my government, in divers issues including the assistance to facilitate the return of Sudanese citizens from aboard, and in creating conditions conducive to the return of displaced and refugees in Southern Sudan and Darfur. We are looking forward to an extended support and cooperation with IOM in areas of capacity building, technical assistance and expatriate survey, which started in Sudan since 1985.

In this connection, we would like to express our strong believe that migration must have an international vision that defines the rights and obligations of migrants in order to realize international peace and security, we do also believe that International Migration could be an asset in the process of development in both countries of origin and of destination.

Finally, our thanks and appreciations are extended to the IOM leaders and administration for their dedicated endeavors to satisfy the specific needs of its members.